## THEATRICAL AMUSEMENTS.

BILLS THAT RENDER THE YEAR'S LAST WEEK ATTRACTIVE.

Final Performances of Some Successful Plays and Returns or Continuances of Many Others—New Things in the Vaudeville Shows.

The last week of the year is also the last week of several of the successful current plays John Drew will appear for the final time at th Empire on Saturday night in "A Marriage of Convenience," and N. C. Goodwin at the Knickerbocker in "An American Citizen." The fine cast of "A Ward of France" is intact, through the recovery of Maurice Barrymore, for the closing nights at Wallack's, and the comedians of "A Stranger in New York" are rounding up the run of that farce at Hoyt's.

The plays brought to town for the week only rovide the usual range of quality. "A Hot Old Time" at the Grand Opera House is a boisterously funny farce, in which extreme caricature and violent action are participated in by the Rays, a grotesque actor and a buxom actress. "Never Again" at the Harlem Opera House is the same neat and humorous transfer from the French that it was at the Garrick, and the players are nearly all the same, with E. M. Holland and Fritz Williams at the front. "The Heart of the Klondike," at the Columbus, is the now well-known melodrama of Alaskar gold seeking, and it is acted by one of Keogh & Davis's companies. "Miss Philadelphia," at the Star, is a slightly altered version of "Miss Manhattan." which was seen further up Broad now are Joseph Cawthorne, a comic comedian, and Elvia Crox Seabrooke, the singer. "The Model," at the Irving Place, is a German light opera, with Julie Kopacsy in it. Handkerchief," at the American, is the first in the series of operas to be revived in a weekly succession by the Castle Square com-pany, which has made an excellent start in

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The plays that will run along indefinitely into the New Year are "The Little Minister," with Maude Adams, at the Garrick; "An Irish Gontleman, with Andrew Mack, at the Fourteenth Street; "The Swell Miss Fitzwell," with May Irwin, at the Bijou; "The Hoyal Box," with Charles Coghlan, at the Fifth Avenue; "The Mitte Heather" at the Academy of Music, "The Highwayman" at the Broadway, "The French Maid" at the Herald Square, "The Ballet Girl" at the Manhattan, and "The Princess and the Butterfly at the Lyceum. The week's new pieces are "The Telephone Girl" at the Casino and "The Nancy Hanks" at the Garden.

In seasons past the time between Christmas and New Year's has been one of the best of the year with the continuous shows, and the cur rent week is not an exception. The bills are of unusually good quality. At Proctor's one pair that, according to variety show usage, might be styled Rankin and O'Neil, has a quite different significance with McKee prefixed to one and Nance to the other. 'Cellist Von Biene and Arthur Dunn are others here. At Keith's, where the doors are opened before noon, Joseph Hart is the topsawyer, others listed being Hayes and Lytton, the Northerns, the Kingsley sisters, Press Eldridge, and Thorne and Carleton, John stone Bennett, Gus Williams, and Irene Frank

stone Bennett, Gus Williams, and Irene Franklin are named at Pastor's.

The music halls, too, have a best foot forward.
At the Pleasure Palace are a half dozen innings by vaudeville notabilities. Helene Mora,
Gautier, Charles R. Sweet, and McIntyre and
Heath are some of them. Koster,& Bini's has
Anna Held, whose last week it is, as chief specialist, and other conspicuous contributors are
Charmion and Bruiser McCoy. John E. Drew
and Filison and Errol are the specialists whose
innings preface "Pousse Cafe" at Weber &
Fields's.

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From 11 in the morning until late in the even-From 11 in the morning until late in the evening there is so close a succession of band music,
cinematographe pictures, and marionette pantomimes at the Eeden Musse that the show is
practically continuous, the intermissions being
not longer than it will take a visitor to look
over the wax show. At the Jonah the veriscope views of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize
fight are in their last week. Doris's Winter
circus is good diversion of its sort, and its afternoon performances are a delight to small
folk.

Seventeen innings are down on the curren bill at Doris's Winter Circus, and such is the programme writer's vocabulary that the least of these is described as "great." Such com mon features as "celebrated" and "world-re nowned" performers are galore, exclamation marks dot the page thickly, and one contributor to the last half of the performance challenges the world to produce his equal and promise \$10,000 to a superior. The rider's name is Rooney, which doesn't indicate that he is romancing. It' would be well worth the money too, for most men to attempt duplicates of his comersaults while his horse is going so fast that he strikes the wooden side of the ring at every stride. But an item with a newer look falls to Isabella and ber horse "Splash." He takes his rider around the ring in a conventional series of jumps over obstacles and then is halted in the centre. While his mistress poises a rifle a flock of pigeons is released from the green room and flies to perch on the barrel of her weapon. They serve only as ornamental dressing and are undisturbed by the shot abe fires, but a bunch of feathers to represent a dead bird is thrown into the ring at the report of a rifle, and this the horse promptly retrieves. At the rabbit that is perched on the sawdust he takes a shot and picks it up and passes it to his rider. The inning which follows this has a clown standing inside a horse of wood and stuffed cloth, with which he trots about in imitation of the foregoing horse training, and the shouts of laughter that it brings from children are enough to put a chronic misanthrope at peace ed from the green room of laughter that it brings from children are enough to put a chronic misauthrope at peace with even circus clowns. Immediately following the moneyed challenger, too, is a contest by dogs which rivals him in interest. Three hounds with images of monkeys strapped to their backs as jockeys contest in a miniature steen! chase. Two of the animals are black and rather indifferent to the outcome of the race, but the other is ambitious, and so long as he is behind his fellows covers two feet of ground to their one. He is trained to pass another on the outside, which makes his course the longer, and is further handleapped by half the circumference of the ring, but at the end of three circuits is invariably in the lead. With the race won he trots to his master, his tail wagging exultantly.

The appearance of Joseph Hart in continuou vaudeville is interesting because it displays ample of the Joseph Hart drama. Some visitors to Keith's this week may see this diverting vocalist and loker and not realize that they have seen him in a drama, yet that is what he is playing, for he himself has said so. He even gave to it a title of a sort fashionable with farce writers, and that should settle it if nothing else does. That title was "The Quiet Mr. Gay," but it gives a very little insight into the real nature of the Hart (Joseph) drama. First Carrie Le Mar appears, talks long enough for watchers to realize that she wears a handsome dress, then sings a negro song while a stalwart negro parades the stage with cakewalk prancing, carrying a live chicken or a pair of huge dice, according to the words being sung. On finishing this ditty, this form of dramatic literature demands that the vocalist surrender the centre of the stage to her commanion, which is done in this instance, and without explanation, for the formula is so old that none is needed. The other half of what would be a "team" were not this a drama, then appears, and with no more words than enough to indicate that he has come from an all-night session, begins his song. It is composed of one stanza and a refrain made up of the titles of some seventy well known songs. A second ditty puts in rhyme nearly as many mose-grown jokes, and in neither song does the vocafit stop for breath. By this time, the woman has donned another dress, so she returns to engage in an impossible dispute with the man over a doil, and on her disappearing again to get into short skirts for dancing, he sits at the piane. This form of drama demands that he indulge in some difficult exercises, and he does so, following them with a medicy of badly pronounced German. Next and last come a dance and duct in which are imitations of the human types that are abundant on the variety stage and that may in rare instances be found in other walks of life. With this the drama ends. Its nearest approach to literature is an up-to-date variation of the torm "a chilling greeting," and it is fine testimony to the author's classification of his work there can be no doubt, for Mr. Hart was the author. In times agone such mediums have passed current as song and dance sketches, but hereafter that won't do. With 1898 all exhumers of jokes and by-play will be dramatists, else Mr. Hart is not one.

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A specialty of horse training in which the master's control of the beast seems marvellous in that of Emile Gautier. This specialty was first shown in this country at Koster & Bial's but was not then so remarkable as it is now at the Pleasure Palace, because the trainer, I coming across the Atlantic, lost both his horses at sea, and was obliged to break in oth take their places. These were put to work before their education was completed,

WEDDED BY A "PERSONAL." and they are now behaving much more interfoot ring in which they are exercised is ten WIDOW PRESTON ROBBED BY HEL feet above the level of the stage, and is entirely HERALD-GOT HUBBAND.

without anything in the shape of a guard rail,

ordinarily shown by finely trained horses with-

in circus rings. One horse is used at a time,

and while the first one is exercising his master

stands upon the raised disk with him. The

CHARLES COGHLAN, GRANDFATHER

The Actor's Young Daughter Was Secretly

Married in Canada 21/2 Years Age. Charles Coghlan, the actor, is a grandfather nd has been for many months, although only his intimate friends have known anything bout it. The fact that his only daughter Gertrude, who is now performing with him a

he Fifth Avenue Theatre in "The Royal Box,

was married became generally known vester

half years ago at Prince Edward Island, Domin

ion of Canada, to Reginald Cameron, son of the

Rev. William Cameron, a Presbyterian minis-ter, who preached there up to the time of his

death, a year ago. There was considerable romance about the marriage, but it soon wore out

and the young couple haven't been living to

Mrs. Cameron went to Prince Edward Island

FOR A HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

Aldermon Vote to Turn Over the Old Hall of

The Aldermen passed yesterday a resolution

turning over the old Hall of Records to the

National Historical Museum for the free exhi-

bition of its collection of historical relics, a

well as any others which it may gather, with

the usual conditions of reversion to the city

upon the failure of the museum to use the privi-

The resolution was accompanied by a peti

tion signed by Thomas C. Platt, Anson G. Mc-

Cook, Comptroller Fitch, Gen. Tracy, ex-Post-

master Dayton, Justice Ingraham of the Su-

preme Court, Frederic R. Coudert, J. P. Morgan. August Belmont. Prescott Hail Butler, Lewis Cass Ledyard, Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, John McAnerney, Gen. Rodenbough, the Rev. Dr. Satterlee, J. Edward Simmons, Gen. Wager Swayne, and many others, asking that the old building be given to the Historical Mu-

THE ALLEN'S CLUB HIS CASTLE.

Justice Smyth Wonders How Much Force

Would Eject Eight New York Policemen.

at 80 Sixth avenue, asked Justice Smyth of the

Supreme Court yesterday to set aside a decision

of Magistrate Brann holding him in bail of \$500

for his good behavior for two months. His

counsel said that the club was of a politica

counsel said that the club was of a political shade. The police had suspected violation of the law there, and ghad policemen stationed in the rooms for several days, who "sat around, smoked, played cards, and spat."

"Why didn't the petitioner put them out!" asked Justice Smyth.

"That is just where the trouble came in," said counsel for Allen. "When Mr. Allen put his hand on one of them with the idea of ejecting him he was put under arrest. Magistrate Brann decided that Mr. Allen had been guilty of disorderly conduct, and made him give bond for his good behavior."

"He could have used any force necessary to put them out, "said the Judge. "I don't know how much force is necessary to eject eight New York policemen."

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Counsel for the city made the point that the
only remedy of Allen was on appeal from the
decision of Magistrate Brann.

Justice Smyth said he would take briefs.

HER FATHER MADE HER MARRY

This Is Alleged by Mrs. Caputo as a Beason for n Legal Separation. Application was made to Vice-Chancellor

Emery, in Newark, yesterday for the annulment

of her marriage by Marie Grande Caputo, who

said that her father compelled her to marry

Caputo last October by threatening her with a

Caputo last October by threatening her with a knife and swearing he would kill her if she did not obey him. A civil marriage was performed by Mayor Seymour and the father, Michael Grande, said that the girl was 18, when she was really leas than 16, she said.

A religious coremony was arranged to take place about Christmas time, but the girl protested so vigorously that it was not held. The relatives seem to regard the marriage by the Mayor as simply a betroftad, but the girl so counsel asks to have it annulled. The girl says that Caputo is too old and that he is repugnant to her.

PRESTICE HAND ATSNOW REMOVAL

Col. Waring Predicts That the Trausfer Com-

pany Will Learn How Later.

Col. Waring, it seems, is dissatisfied with the

manner in which the American Transfer Com-

pany is removing the snow from the public

asked: "everybody is dissatisfied."
"Hoes not the company do the work prop-

"Oh, they will learn," was the reply, "This little snowfall will be good practice for them."
The American Transfer Company had 2,000 men at work on the snow removal job yesterday, and one of the officers said that the work would certainly be completed by this evening.

"Certainly I am dissatisfied," he said when

leges granted.

gether for some time.

yet here the horses are put through the pace

Later the Saw Another Personal Signed "J. " and Went to the Address Given with a Detective-Belinquest Was Nabbed-Hav Probably Bobbed Other Women He Wedded.

and while the first one is exercising his master stands upon the raised disk with him. The animal careers about, galloping and humping through figures that his master directs as if there was no such thing as a possibility of falling over the edge to the stage beneath. When the second horse is brought by a raised bridge and the first animal is dismissed, the trainer gets astride his charge. Then the maneuvres become more complicated and threatening. High stepping takes the horse around the ring several times within a very narrow margin of its edge, and the beast is backed up to the danger point also. Then there is a circuit by jumps, in which the horse is headed directly toward the centre of the disk, so must, jump further with his hind legs than with his front ones. It's a wholly unnatural proceeding and takes place near to the danger point, but is gone through successfully. In conclusion the horse stands upon his hind legs several times, getting each time so nearly erect that apparently it is by throwing his own weight over the horse's neck that the driver saves both from tumbling backward. The trailness of the structure that supports the disk continually suggests another danger than falling off the edge, for it trembles with the borse's every jump.

McIntyre and Heath, Williams and Walker and Charles R. Sweet are story tellers for the Pleasure Palace, but two tales that the last named Joker relates may be taken as specimens, since both are about the same sort of an article. One concerns a pocketbook lost at a church sociable and found by Miss Helen Hunt, the elergyman announcing that if the loser wished to recover his property he could go to her, like many another story, much of the fun of this one depends on the way it is told. In his second reference to the finder, Sweet doesn't use the title "Miss." The other anecdote is of the man who lost a pockebook containing \$200 in an auction room and who asked the auctioneer to announce that he would pay \$25 for its return. The auctioneer did so, some one immediatel Mrs. Edna J. Berger became almost hysterical in the Yorkville Court yesterday as she told Magistrate Pool how she had been deceived by a husband she had got through an advertise ment in the personal column of the Herald. The woman is somewhat past middle age, and was the Widow Preston, with a grown-up daughter, when she made her second matrimonial venture.

She owned the house in which she kent boarders at 801e East Main street, Amsterdam, N. Y., when, last September, she read the advertisement in which "J. M., a refined and amiable centleman with \$600, wished to make the acquaintance of a lady of mild disposition with a like amount of money; view, matrimony,

Mrs. Preston wrote to "J. M.," at 643 Third venue, this city, and a correspondence ensued, so warm and chivalrous in tone on the man's part that on Oct. 12 the widow started for this city to marry her admirer. Her daughter, after trying in vain to dissuade her from marrying a possible adventurer, accompanied her, and the wo were met at the Grand Central Station by "J. M.," who said his real name was Henry

The three called on G. W. Potter, a friend of he woman's first husband, and when he vainly tried to prevent the marriage they went to the

residence of the Rev. Clark Wright, at 43 Morton street, where Mrs. Preston and Berger were married

"We spent our honeymoon at a swell hotel," the complainant continued. "My husband was very devoted to me, and took me out riding, but each time forgot his pocketbook and I pade carriage hire and for our luncheon."

After a few days Berger hired a room for hinself and bride in a house on West Sixtieth street. It was not long before the bride discovered that all the women in the house were widows and entertained much company. At her request Berger got another room, this time at 257 West Thirty-ninth street. The elderly bride had sold her Amsterdam house by this time, and now had about \$1,400. Berger told her he wanted to start in the liquor business, but did not have quite enough money. He asked her if she could let him have some. She gave him several hundred dollars, but he did not start the business he spoke of.

At the end of two weeks, after he had got all the money she would give him, he disappeared, and two days later wrote from Newark, N. J., that he had failed in business and did not have courage to ask her to share his misfortune. He bade her good-by and advised her to go back to Amsterdam.

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She went to live at 140 East Fourteenth street and began a search for her missing spouse, but could not get any trace of him until Monday, whon she saw another advertisement, signed by "J. M.," similar to the one that led to her acquaintance with Berger. She made up her mind that her missing husband made a business of marrying credulous women who had money.

She then went to the Yorkville Court and got a warrant for the arrest of her husband, and, accompanied by Court Officer Kavanagh, went to 643 Third avenue, the address given in the advertisement, and waited. When they had been there eight hours Berger, who had a letterbox there, entered and asked for his mail. After three letters had been given him he was arrested. At first he denied that he was Berger, but he became silent when his wife confronted him. The three letters, it was found, were from different women in this city, each saying that she had \$600 and would marry the advertiser if he proved satisfactory after an inspection.

Mrs. Berger told the Magistrate that she thought an investigation would disclose evidence of wholesale bigamy on the part of her husband, so Magistrate Pool said he would postpone the prisoner's examination until to morrow to allow the police to look for other com-

Mrs. Cameron went to Prince Edward Island with her mother two and a half years ago, while her father was in London playing an engagement at the Lyceum Theatre. She was only 15 years old at the time. Young Cameron met her there and after a short courtship they were secretly married. The young husband was entirely without means, and his parents, who were poor, were very angry when they heard of the marriage. They offered the couple a home, however, and for several weeks the young wife lived at the parsonage.

The secret was kept from Mr. Coghlan for a time, but finally his daughter wrote and told him all. She left her husband shortly afterward, and joined her father in London. There a daughter was born to her. The child and its mother have lived with Mr. Coghlan ever since. All2three are now stopping at the Hotel Marborough, where they will remain during Mr. Coghlan's engagement at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. Young Cameron has not made any effort to see his wife since she left him. He is still living with his mother in Prince Edward Island. It is said that an effort will be made to have the marriage annualled on the ground that Mrs. Cameron was too young to know her own mind at the time of the marriage and that her husband has never supported her. Mr. Coghlan says that he has nothing against young Cameron excepting that he is incapbale of supporting a wife, and seems to have no prospects for the future. one the prisoner's examination until to mor-ow to allow the police to look for other com-lainants against him. Berger, in the mean-ime, was held in default of \$1,000 ball,

SCOPE OF THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE New Organization Besign & by Its Promoters

to Educate the People. With the laudable, if not entirely novel, pur ose of furnishing to the people "continuous and ordered education in social science, history literature, and such other subjects as time and the demand shall determine," and also of affording "opportunities for the interchange of ight upon topics of general interest between individuals of different occupations in order hereby to assist in the solution of present prob lems," the People's Institute has come into The moving spirit of the institute is Charles Sprague Smith, who recently conceived he idea of an American Academy modelled after the French Academy, which should turn out immortals at proper and stated intervals This new organization will also dispense immor ality, for it has qualified itself in its constituion to "confer fellowship upon individuals who are deemed to have distinguished themselves in the service of society, and especially in those lines of effort for which the institute is founded." The educational plan of the People's Institute is

described as follows: ness, continuity, adaptation to the needs of the audience and extension in accordance with demands from the platform into the classroom It emphasizes those departments of knowledge which especially contribute to the solution of the social problem. A group of the leading scholars of the country will be placed in charge of each department and, with the Board of Trus-tees and the managing director, will plan the

tees and the managing director, will plan the work for each year.

"As the demand for classes arises, volunteer instructors will be sought, chiefly among the faculties and advanced students of the educational institutions of this city and vicinity; a method successfully employed by the Prospect Union of Cambridge, Mass. The essential characteristics of the educational system of the institute are that chief importance will be attached to inspiration, a less value to pure discipline, and that the comparative and synthetic methods will prevail."

the old building be given to the Historical Museum.

The resolution recited that there were many valuable relies of colonial and Revolutionary days as well as of the Mexican war and the war of 1812, which are now scattered throughout the country, and which, if collected in one spot, would form a roble tribute to the patriots who founded, preserved, and maintained the Union, and create a love of country and a pride in its history among the youth of the nation. The resolution also recited that the Hall of Records, being the oldest and most historical public building in the city, was the best fitted for a repository for the relies which the Museum was anxious to exhibit. The resolution will have to be approved by the Mayor and the Sinking Fund Commission before the building can be turned over to the Museum. pline, and that the comparative and synthesis methods will prevail."

There will be seven departments, as follows:

1. Natural science and mathematics; 2. General sociology (history, economics, &c.); 3. Discussions of questions of the day and reports of committees; 4. American and contemporary sociology; 5. Literature and language; 6. Art fineluding music); 7. Philosophy, ethics, religion. The Allen, who conducts the West Side Club

discluding music); 7. Philosophy, ethics, religion.

The officers of the institute are: J. G. Phelps Stokes, Chairman; V. Everit Macy, Treasurer; Edward Thimme, Secretary, and Charles Sprague Smith, Managing Director. On the Advisory Council are men and women of many classes and professions. Some of the names are: William E. Dodge, Samuel B. Donnelly, Samuel Gompers, John Brooks Leavitt, St. Clair McKelway, Leonora O'Reilly, James B. Reynolds, Edwin R. A. Seligman, Albert Shaw, John W. Sullivan, Oscar S. Straus, Lillian D. Wald, and Charles Dudley Warner.

BROOKLYN WOMEN WANT A CLUB Meeting Held Yesterday-A Clubhouse Yeeded

A number of Brooklyn women intend to es tablish a social club and have a clubhouse in which they may meet and chat, discuss questions of the day, and dine at their pleasure. With that end in view, ninety of them held a conference at the home of Mrs. Henry Earle, 242 Henry street, yesterday afternoon. They represented thirty-four organizations composed exclusively of women. The Woman's Suffrage

exclusively of women. The Woman's Suffrage League as well as the Anti-Woman's Suffrage League sent delegates.

Among the women present were Mrs. S. B. Durysa, Mrs. James Scrimgeour, Mrs. Noah Chapman, Mrs. Cornelia Hood, Mrs. Clarence Birdsall, and Mrs. M. E. Craigie. Mrs. Earle, who presided, said the clubhouse should be in a central location, in order that the various women's clubs might meet in it conveniently. She believed it ought to be modelled after the new Century Club of Wilmington, Del., or the Athenaeum of Milwaukee. After a general discussion it was decided to refer the matter to a committee, who will report a definite plan in mittee, who will report a definite plan i

committee, who will report a definite plan in two weeks.

Among the organizations represented were the Packer Alumine. Home Educational Society, Civitae Club, Portia Club, Chiropean Society, Urbap Club, Adelphi Alumine. Mount Holyoke Alumine, Vassar College Aid Association, For Greene Chapter Baughters of the American Revolution, Amateur Musical Association, and Brooklyn Woman's Club.

IS LAWYER BISCHOFF MADY Justice Bischoff Supports His Brother and the Brother's Family.

Lawyer Franklin J. Bischoff was examined further yesterday in the proceeding brought by his brother. Justice Henry Bischoff of the Suprome Court, to have his sanity passed on by a Sheriff's jury. He said that he is maintained at Sheriff's jury. He said that he is maintained at an expense of \$1,000 a year by his brother, Justice Bischoff, who also supports his wife and two children. There has been a coolness between him and his brother for a long time, he said, if he gets out of the asylum, he said, he will not resume the practice of the law because he is convinced that his reputation as a lawyer is ruined, but he is a handy man at many things, and he feels sure he could make a living. The case was not concluded. LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

New York will probably hear without any particular excitement that Mile, Cleo do Merode has decided to get married. Recent reports from Paris make it seem probable that even in her native city the news of the approaching event will cause no unusual stir. Paris, inleed, is said to have grown very tired of Cleo, ner bandeaux and her scandals, Guilbert was last in this country she said that Paris could forgive anything that the favorites night do so long as they did not make them selves ridiculous. After that it was rarely if ever possible for them to regain the place they Cleo's visit to New York appears to have made her supremely ridiculous, and the letter which her mother sent from this country settled her standing finally. American visits have had similar effect on one or two other celebrities, it may be because their European careers had about come to an end. Otero, the Barrisons, Di Dio are rarely heard of in Europe now, and realizing that her perpetual singing of couplets must inevitably become too familiar. Yvette Guilbert is preparing herself for more ambitious work. In this same way Mile, Cleo's career is said to have ended suddenly in Paris, and whatever she may do now finds no record in the most facetious of the Paris newspapers. The cables, in describing the misfortunes of a former stage favorite, confused Jane Hading and Jeanne Harding. The same mistake has frequently been made, although the two women are conspicuous in widely different fields. Harding was well known in Paris before she made her debut in "Phryne" at the Opera Comique—so well known, in fact, that on that occasion she was pelted with vegetables by the resentful wives of a number of men whom she had known. It was her jewels that were sold the other day and her diamond-studded dog collar that brought \$1,000. Jane Hading, the actress, is in no succh straits, and to-day is, next to Mine. Rejane, the most successful of the French actresses outside of the Theatre Français. It may be because their European careers had

The new series of subscription dances shortly to be given in New York is said to be the first formal attempt to limit the size of New York society, which has within recent years increased to an extent not agreeable to some of its members who, even in gatherings supposed to be most exclusive, have found persons not to their taste as associates. The new dances are the outcome of that view of matters, and as one of the names connected with the plan is that of a the names connected with the plan is that of a woman who is supposed to be most exacting as to the noeition of her acquaintances, the character of the gatherings will probably be more strictly fashionable than any that New York has seen in a long time. The published list of the guests invited to participate in these dances will be read with a degree of interest quite unknown in the case of common records of "those present," as it will in a measure amount to an official declaration of just who the persons are that are entitled to admittance into a circle that is avowedly organized for the purpose of showing just how exclusive it can be.

It was rather a curious coincidence that Sembrich and Melba, the two greatest colorature singers of their time since Adelina Patti, should have oth revived Rossini's "Barber of Seville" on the same day. Mme. Melba sang the part in Philadelphia on Monday night, and at the Astoria in the morning Mme. Sembrich was heard as Ro sino. The accounts of the performance credit Mme, Melba and Sig, Campanari with having been highly successful. In the singing lesson scene Mme. Melba, after singing Massenet's "Sevillana," gave a ballad by Tosti, and accompanied herself on the piano, much to the delight of the audience. Signor Carbone sang here in the audience. Signor Carbone sang here in the morning and at the evening performance was singing the same role in Philadelphia. His services have not been in such demand for some time, and after two seasons of idleness it must have astonished him to find himself so hard worked. The opera in Philadelphia has made it necessary for the singers to move with greater activity than usual. David Bispham holds the record. In New York he sang on Sunday night at Carnegie Hall, at the Astoria on Monday morning, and in Philadelphia on Monday night. Now that "The Barber of Seville" has been revived, it will probably be heard frequently in the repertoire of the Opera House. Mmo. Sembrich's appearance on Monday morning was the crowning triumph of an exceptionally brilliant visit to this country. It was rather a courageous thing for even a singer of her position to come to this country under any other auspices than those of the Metropolitan Opera House Company. That has come to be almost the only way in which the great singers can be properly introduced here. In view of that fact Mme. Sembrich's success has been far greater than it really appears. She is positively to return to this country next season, and it is to be hoped that she may be heard more frequently in opera. But when she is heard in opera here it will be only on her own terms. Mmc. Sembrich is the lighest paid woman singer in Europe, next to Patti. When she sings at the Metropolitan it will be at a figure proportionate to her European salary. On this point she is determined. norning and at the evening performance was

ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING.

Brs. Keyes Was Discharged and Will Sue for \$10.000 Damages. Mrs. Thelka Keyes"of 25 Frost street, Wil-

liamsburg, went into John J. Gorman's dry goods store at 225 Grand street about two weeks ago. Ralph Sweeney, a salesman, saw ick up a pair of stockings and a s thread. He suspected that she was a thief, and called in the special policeman employed in the store, who arrested Mrs. Keyes, notwithstanding her protestations of innocence. She was ing her protestations of hinderlees, and was taken to the Bedford avenue police station, where she tearfully said she bore a good reputation and had simply picked up the things to take to another counter and have wrappod up. She was locked up all night, and the next morning was taken to the Ewen Street Police Court. The salesman was inisdirected by the police, and with the superintendent of the dry goods store went to the Lee Avenue Police Court. When the case against Mrs. Keyes was called in the Ewen Street Police Court she was discharged because no complainant appeared. When Gorman's superintendent learned of the disposition of the charge in the other court he obtained a warrant against Mrs. Keyes for larceny. In the mean time Mrs. Keyes consulted a laywer, and a suit for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment was instituted against Mr. Gorman, Mrs. Keyes was rearrested on the warrant, and yesterday the case came before Justice Kramer in the Lee Avenue Police Court. He gave the woman the benefit of the doubt and discharged her. taken to the Hadford avenue police station,

NO SOLDIERS' MONUMENT SITE YET. Claremont Vetord by the National Sculpture

The project to erect the Soldiers and Sailors' emorial on the site recently chosen by the Monument Committee at Claremont has been killed by the action of the National Sculpture Society, which has refused to concur in the de cision of the committee.

John Q. A. Ward, the President of the soci-

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Commission, sent a letter to Mayor Strong yesterday in which he said: "Action taken last evening by the National Sculpture Society in relation to the site and design of the ;Soldiers and Sallors' Monument leaves me, as the representative of the society, no choice but to notify you of my decision against the erection on the proposed site of any structure of the character indicated by the design accepted."
"That settles it," said the Mayor when he read the letter. "The monument will not be rected on the site. Mr. Ward, as a member of the Municipal Art Commission, has the power to veto the scheme. At first Corporation Counsel Scott thought the law intended that the commission should act as a committee with majority rule, but upon reconsideration he has arrived at the conclusion that each member possesses the power of veto."

TWESTY-FIVE YEARS A RECTOR. services in Philadelphia to Commemorate the Ber. Dr. A. G. Mortimer's Career.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.-An elaborate cere nony was held at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church today, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entrance into the priesthood of the Rev. Dr. Alfred G. Mortimer, the rector. Many elergymen were in atmer, the rector. Many elergymen were in attentiance. The services were conducted by Rishop Ozi W. Whitaker of Pennsylvania, and a sermon was preached by Rishop Leighton Coleman of belaware. Speaking of the growth of the Protestant Episcopal communion in the twenty-five years of Dr. Mortiner's clerical career. Rishop Coleman said:

"Since 1872 the Protestant Episcopal Church in America has made great progress. At that time there were 2,000 clergy, 46 Rishops, 250,000 communicants, and \$4,000,000 in annual contributions. At tressent we have 4,675 clergy, 81 Bishops, 660,000 communicants, and \$13,000,000 in annual contributions.

Judgments of absolute divorce were granted esterday by Justice Truax to Carrie P. Ander son from Andrew Anderson, Jr., to August H Winter from Blanch F. Winter, to Fritz Keller from Caroline Keller, to John H. Byrne from Olivia Byrne, to Belle L. Davison from John G. Davison, to John Neknez from Rosalia Neknez, to Barbara Brandly from Frederic Brandly, and Fredaricka Cooper from Charles H. Cooper.

6 MONTHS FOR RATCLIFFE

JUDGE SAYS WIFE BEATING IS NOT POPULAR WITH AMERICANS. English Actor's Counsel Gets a Stay Which Keeps Him Off the Island and in th Tombe Pending Argument on an Application for a Certificate of Reasonable Boubt

"Wife beating is not popular with Amerians," said Judge Newburger yesterday when Edward J. Ratcliffe, the English actor, was arraigned in Part I. of the General Sessions for sentence. This remark of the Judge was made after Ratcliffe's counsel, Mirabeau L. Towns, had made the customary motions for a new trial and to arrest judgment. When these notions were denied Lawyer Towns said: "Your Honor, justice should be tempered

with mercy. The jury's light verdict of assault in the third degree, with a recommendation to mercy, certainly showed that the assaul! was committed under extreme provocation Your Honor has often suspended sentences in this court."

"That is true," said Judge Newburger, "but only n cases where evidence was produced to show the defendant's previous good character, his good conduct, his reputation in the community for good behavior. This has not been done in this ease, though I have advised counsel to introduce evidence of the character and reputation this defendant. Wife beating is not popul lar with Americans, though it may be in some countries. Here we don't propose to tolerate it if we can stop it. I want this sentence to be warning. Considering that the defendant has spent the past two weeks in the Tombs, I shall not fix the extreme penalty. The sentence in this case is imprisonment in the peniton-

shall not fix the extreme penalty. The sentence in this case is imprisonment in the peniton-tiary for a term of six months."

Lawyer Towns put his hand on Actor Ratcliffe's shoulder and asked that the execution of the sentence be deferred for a day or two.

Judge Newburger replied that the matter rested with the Sheriff. Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kelly, Captain of the Bridge of Sighs, stepped forward and tapped Ratcliffe on the back, saying:

Kelly, Captain of the Bridge of Sighs, stepped forward and tapped Raicliffe on the back, saying:

"Please come this way."

Ratcliffe picked up his hat and followed the deputy Sheriff back to the prison pen and then over the Bridge of Sighs to the Timbs.

"I expected it," said Ratcliffe, "but I know my lawyer will get a new trial for me."

Lawyer Towns visited the Tombs and after consulting with his client hurried back to the Criminal Court building. There he consulted with Assistant District Attorney Lloyd, and arrangements were made to keep Ratcliffe in the Tombs for a few hours, so as to give Lawyer Towns time to make application to the Supreme Court for a stay of proceedings.

Mr. Towns arew up an affladvit in which he set forth the grounds on which he might apply for a stay to obtain a certificate of reasonable doubt. The main ground on which the application was based was that the court had admitted evidence of previous assaults alleged to have been committed upon Mrs. Ratcliffe by her husband.

After the papers had been prepared they were taken to White Plains by Lawyer E. J. McCrossen, Mr. Towns's partner, who applied to Supreme Court Justice Dickey for a temporary stay. The stay was granted by Justice Dickey in the form of an order to show cause on Monday next why a certificate of reasonable doubt should not be issued. Shortly before 4 o'clock a clerk from Laywer Towns's office served the Sheriff with a copy of Justice Dickey's order.

Deputy Sheriff Kelly was making preparations to take Ratcliffe to the penitentiary just when the order arrived. Ratcliffe seemed greatly relieved when informed that he could remain in the Tombs for a few days more at least. lieved when informed that he could remain in the Tombs for a few days more at least.

WILL OF CHARLES H. CONTOIT. to Near Kin-Recorder Hackett's Daughter

Chief Legatee-Residue to Charities. The will of Charles H. Contoit of 728 Fifth evenue has been filed for probate. He was a bachelor, and was 75 years old at his death, two weeks ago. His estate, said to be more than a million, is mostly in realty, and includes build-ings in Broadway. The will gives to Trinity Church his new in St. Paul's Chapel and \$5,000 in trust for the maintenance of his lot in Trinity Cemetery and the graves of his family in St. John's graveyard in Carmine street. Mrs. Laura I. Hackett, a relative of Contolt's father and widow of the late Recorder John K. Hackett, was to have had the testator's residence at 728 Fifth avenue, with all its contents, including gold and silver-plated ware, books, statuary furniture, and linen, and a further bequest of \$350,000. She, however, died about a year ago, and the house and its contents will go to her daughter, Minnie L. Hackett, and the bequest of \$350,000, under the terms of, the will, reverts to the residuary estate. There is a separate bequest to Minnie L. Hackett of \$150,000, and a bequest to Edward J. Hall, a nephew of Mrs. Hackett, of \$50,000. The residue of the estate is to be turned into cash by the executors, who are to distribute it in equal shares to the following institutions: furniture, and linen, and a further bequest of

ing institutions:
General Theological Seminary of the Protestan General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New York Bible and Common Frayer Book Society, Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the Port of New York, New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society, St. Barnabas House at 304 and 300 Mulberry street, St. Like's Hospital, St. Like's Home for Indigent Christian Females, Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of New York, Sheltering Arms in the City of New York, Sheltering Arms in the City of New York, Home for Incurables, House of Mercy, St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Midnight Mission, House of Rest for Consumptives at Tremont, Church Mission for Deaf Mutes, Home for Old Men and Aged Couples, New York Society Library, and the New York Free Circulating Library.

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To Martha Finley, a servant, \$2,500 is left, and to other servants smaller bequests. The executors have failed to find any person related to the testator who could take his estate if he left no will, so the only citations for the probate of the will have been issued to Attorney-General Hancock and Public Administrator Hoes.

HAD A RAFFLE IN THE CLUB. The Sameset of New Haven in Danger of Disruption Because of the Fun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.-The Samoset Club, one of the best known social organizations in Connecticut, is in dissension, which may cause its dissolution, because some of its members held a raffle for turkeys in the clubhouse at West Haven on Christmas eve. It was the second time the club indulged in that form of dissipation, the first being on Thanksgiving last. On that occasion some of the more conservative members, among them Judge Bryant of the West Haven Borough Court, entered a mild protest, but the matter was allowed to pass at that in the belief that it would not be re-When the raffle on Christmas eve took place,

When the raffle on Christmas eye took place, however, the kickers objected with a vengeance. Several of them have sent in their resignations, and those who still remain are divided into two factions over the incident. The club includes among its members such men as ex-Senator Graham, Judge Bryant, Prosecuting Attorney C. K. Bush, Representative Charles Graham, Seleciman Walter Main, Dr. M. J. Adams, and President Kelsey of the Winchester Avenue Railroad.

SIX WOMEN AS PALLBEARERS. Miss Hildebraud's Body Carried to the Grave

by Fellow Members of a Society. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 28.-The body of Miss Elizabeth B. Hildebrand, daughter of Louis Hildebrand, who died on Christmus morn ing, was borne to his grave this morning by six ing, was borne to its grave this morning by six young women, friends of the deceased and dellow members of the Society of the Children of Mirry. The young women who acted as nailbearers were Lena Stubblefield. Maggie Kline, Lizzie Erath, Mamie Yunger, Lizzie Funk, and Mamie Itius. Each wore a black dress, hat, and gloves, and a white sash. The remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery, near New Brunswick

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH. Priest Administered the Last Bites of the Church as She Lay Dying.

Mrs. Henrietta Cleary, a widow, while sewing at 1 A. M. yesterday, knocked over a heap it her room at 350 West Forty-lifth street, The oil ignited and set her clothing on fire. She rar to the next floor, but the tenant at whose door she knocked in a panic shut the door in her face. She ran to the floor above, faming the flames with every step. There somebody smathered the fire, and a priest from the Paulist Church administered the last rites. She died soon after being taken to Hoosevelt Hospital.

President Sheffield Eugaged. The engagement of President James R. Sucf-

field of the Fire Commission to Miss Edith Todd of Cleveland, O., was announced yesterday. The date of the marriage has not yet been au-nounced. Mr. Sheffield is probably the youngest

man that ever held a commissionership in any of the New York city departments. J. Plerpont Morgan Sails for Europe To-Day J. Pierpont Morgan sails for Europe to-day on the steamship Majestic. He will be followed on Jan. 12 by J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., who will sail on the steamship Teutonic.

SKIPPER SEWALL AFLOAT AGAIN. Maine Man Makes Sall for Saltimore for

Crew and a Change of Luch. Capt, Arthur M. Sewall took his ship, the Benjamin Sewall, a Maine-built ellipper hailing from Boston, down the bay yesterday and started for Baltimore to get a crew. With Capt. Sewall went his wife and a crew of riggers and the memory of three as uncomfortable months as he ever had. It was the law and the customs

officers that made all the trouble. The Captain brought his ship into port from hina last October. As soon as she arrived W. It Grace & Co. had her libelled and seized for a \$13,000 judgment for repairs and supplies and commissions for services rendered in Valparaiso. The skipper could not satisfy the judgnent, and for two months the ship was tied up, guarded night and day by United States marshals. That was the first discomfort, but there were others to come.

Capt. Sewall paid his crew, and all of them except two collected their wages and departed parts unknown. These two were Chinamen, the steward and the cook. Their wages, \$130 for each, were deposited with the United States Shipping Commissioner, but they could not collect the money on account of the Chinese Exlect the money on account of the Chinese Exclusion act. They could not get ashore. Uncle
Sam sent some more of his people down to the
ship, and while the United States marshals
watched the vessel to see that it did not go
away four customs inspectors watched the two
peor Johns, two by day and two by night.
Then came another complication. Mrs. Sewall
on the last voyage bought a load of curios in
China, Japan, and India, not to sell or give
away, not even to retch ashore, merely to put in
the ship's cabin. Uncle Sam stepued in again,
His Custom House agents decided that duty
should be paid on them and appraised them at
\$200. Capt. Sewall could not pay the duty and \$200. Capt. Sewall could not pay the duty and the stuff was seized. The other day it was sold

section. Capit. Savail could not pay the duty and the stuff was selzed. The other day it was sold at auction for \$20.

In the meantime things were getting in a bad way on the ship. The skipper and his wife were without money and lived aboard. They had only enough provisions for themselves and none for the two Chinamen. Appeals were made to the Chinese consulate and to Pickering & Co., the ship's agents, and no help came to them. The Chinamen would have starved had not their guards shared their food with them. All this time there was \$260 waiting for them on shore which they could not collect. They fell ill and had no money for medical attendance. Finally the Chinese Legation at Washington was appealed to and they were extricated from their plight. They got their money and were shipped away on an English steamer.

Capt. Sewall made an agreement with W. R. Grace & Co. a few days ago and prepared his ship for sea. He salled yesterday for Baltimore, where he will get a crew and then will go to San Francisco to load for China and Japan.

NIGHT STICKS SAVED LIFE. With Them Policemen Pried Open Bars Which

Imprisoned a Man in a Burning Building. The policeman's much-maligned night stick ound a new use and more than justified itself yesterday morning when Schlutsky & Berntein's furniture shop at 199 Delancey street was on fire. The proprietors of the store were caught in the iron-barred rear room as in a trap, and couldn't get out. But for Policemen

Callahan and Rosenberg and their night sticks one would not have got out alive. The bluecoats used the sticks to pry open the bars with and so saved the storekeeper's life. A well-intentioned street cleaner discovered the fire and smashed the window with his snow

A weil-intentioned street cleaner discovered the fire and smashed the window with his snow shovel. The fire thus getting air blazed up. Then he ran up in the tenement and alarmed the tenants. They fied in haste, but not too soon. Annie Berkowitz, who is 12 years old, carried out her sick 16-year-old sister wrapped in a blanket, while the five other Berkowitz children serambled downstairs through the snoke as best they could.

During the exodus came the two policemen with their night sticks, to find the two furniture men imprisoned behind the bars they had put up to fence out thieves. The fire was almost upon them and they were frightened half out of their wits. Bernstein, who is small, had squeezed himself half through the bars, but could get no further. The policemen yanked him through with a mighty effort. Schlutsky is big and fat and there was apparently no help for him. It was then the policemen's night sticks came handy. They pried one of the bars out with them and dragged the furniture man through, singed and with his clothes actually on fire. He was so badly burned that they had to send him to the Gouverneur Hospital. Ther the firemen came and put out the blaze. The

TRUST COMPANY'S ASSETS.

The Property of the Solicitors' Loan Compan of Philadelphia Sold l'ader the Hammer. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 .- The assets of the Solicitors' Loan and Trust Company of this city, which assigned in 1895, were sold under the hammer to-day. They consisted largely of titles and mortgages in Western property and sections of land in Oregon and the State of Washington and some tracts much larger. The sale netted \$103,000 for property of a face value of nearly \$1,000,000. A block of \$190,000 first mortgage 6 per cent, bonds, 10-20, of the Chambers & McKee Glass Company, Jeanette, Pa, was knocked down to George E, Shaw of Chicago, Chairman of the Reorganization Committee, for \$35,000, subject to a prior indebted.

Bank and Girard Trust Company.

CHRISTMAS STABBING FATAL. Briver Dies of a Wound Inflicted by a Jenious Husbaud.

John Healey, a driver, gled in Harlem Hospital yesterday of a stab wound sustained on Christians afternoon. George Lincoln of 401 East 122d street was held in the Harlem Court East 122d street was held in the Harlem Court to await the action of the Grand Jury on the charge of having inflicted the fatal wound.

Lincoln, it is alleged, found his wife and Healey at the house of a Mrs. Green, at 237 East 121st street, on Saturday, and, suspecting that they had met there by appointment, stabbed the driver and beat the women. Healey went to the hospital with a cut in his arm and a wound in the addomen. Lincoln was arrested soon after the row.

Ender Water for a Century.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28 .- An official of the Canals Department here has recently secured a relic of some interest. It is a section of the sill of an old canal lock, built in 1780 by the Hudson Bay Company near the mouth of the Ottawa River. The timber has therefore been for considerably over 100 years under water, and yet it is as firm and solid as the day it was put down. It is a stout piece of Canadian oak. The canal, which was only half a mile in length, was built by the Hudson Bay Company to get past the Cascade rapids in the St. Lawrence River, but it long since fell into disuse.

The Atlas line steamship Alene, in yesterday from Jamaica and Central American ports, brought news of the arrival at Grey town, Nicaragua, of the Nicar guan Canal survey party on the United States gumboat Newport. All were well. A large force of laborers from Port Limon was at Greytown to assist in the work

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DRUNKEN MAN RUNS A CAR.

WENT PULL TILT TILL IT LEFT THE

TRACK AND BANGED INTO A SHOP. The Conductor and Sixteen Passengers Word Hill-Nobony Hart, Not Even the Motormat

Who Made the Trouble - Car Wrecked. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 28 .- An intoxicated motorman imperilled seventeen lives besides his own on the line of the Brunswick Traction Company between Milltown, miles away, and this city, about 11 o'clock last night. Conductor James Wright had noticed that Tom Miller, the motorman, was in no condition to run the car when they left Milltown, but thought he would know enough to go slowly when necessary. There were sixteen young persons in the car who had spent the evening skating on the Milltown pond. None of them knew that a drunken motorman was running the car.

Immediately after leaving Milltown Miller pushed his controller around to the last notch, and the car sprang forward at its highest possi-ble speed. Conductor Wright became frightwhen he found that the motorman maintained this speed up hill and down and did not slow up for the curves and heavy grades. The conductor knew that Miller was well acquainted with the line, having run a par over it for

About a mile out of Millown Wright rang
the bell for Miller to stop the car. The motorman did not heed the signal. Again the conductor rang, but the motorman dashed the car down a steep incline and did not slow up. Both passengers and conductor were so frightened that they clung to whatever support they could find to prevent their being burled about the car by the shaking up the motorman was giving

by the shaking up the motorman was giving them.

As the car approached Berdine's Corner Conductor Wright rang the bell again, but Miller did not slow up. Wright still hoped that the motorman would slow up before he reached this place. The track turns there at right angles, and fifty feet from the roadside is a blacksmith shop. Miller swung the car on toward the corner at full speed and the conductor shouted to the passengers to hold on or they would be killed. At the corner the car left the track. The lights went out, and in a moment the car had crashed into the blacksmith shop.

The passengers were not hurt, but were so frightened at this ending of their mad ride that for a moment they were unable to stir. Then they made a rush for the rear door. They tumbled over one another in their haste to escape from the car. By some strange chances Miller had escaped uninjured, and the passengers found him staggering about gazing at the ruin he had wrought and muttering to himself. The conductor went to bim and asked what was the matter with him. Miller said that he was drunk and didn't care what happened to him. He added with a laugh that the wrecked car before him was the last he would ever run.

Word was sent to this city, and a oar was

wrecked car before him was the last he would ever run.

Word was sent to this city, and a oar was sent out to bring the stranded passengers home. Miller was discharged on the spot. Superintendent Edward H. Radel made an investigation of the accident this morning and decided that Miller was alone to blame. The blacksmith shon was parily wrecked, but the shop was the only thing that saved the lives of the passengers. If the car had struck n little to the left of it, it would have been overturned in a deep gutter.

NIELSON DRUNK, NOT DEAD. Explanation of the Supposed Corpor's Disagpearance from the Batters.

Nicholas Nielson had a fit in Von Sengerke & Detmold's powder boat on Monday and was put ashore at the Battery apparently dead. He could not be found later, and the Coroner's office was asked yesterday to tell what had become of his body.

The disappearance of the boatman was due to his having been taken to the Hudson Street Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from alcoholism. After being revived Nielson was locked up in the Elizabeth street station. Yesterday morning he was arraigned in the Centre Street Police Court before Megistrate Kudlich on a charge of intoxication and fined §3. Not having the money to pay the fine, Nielson was sent to the Tombs. A friend paid the fine last evening, and Nielson went on his way rejoicing.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Grant Hatch and Eugene Kelly Austin, son of the late Stephen H. Austin of this city, took place yesterday in St. Leo's Church. The Rev. Father Nevins of the Paulists performed the ceremony at noon, assisted by the Rev. Father Ducey, rector of St. Leo's. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were asked to the church, because of the recent death of the bride's mother. These afterward attended the oridal breakfast, given by Roswell D. Hatch for his daughter, at his home, 111 West Forty-eighth street.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC-TRIS DAY. Sun rises... 7 23 / Sun sets.. 4 42 | Moon sets.. 11 37 HIGH WATER-THIS DAY. Sandy Hook 11 44 | Gov. Inl'd. 12 16 | Hell Gate. . 2 00

Arrived-Tuesday, Dec. 28. Se Alexandra, Marshall, Londou, Se Obdam, Roggeveen, Rotterdam, Se Hindoo, Deuglass, Hull. Se Alene, Seiders, Kingston, Se Westernland, Mills, Antwerp, Se Kiella, Kuhlewein, Hayre.

Se Sicilia, Kuhleweln, Harre.
Se Clenfugos, Astenzia Manzanilla.
Se Raylton Dixon, Hertjberg, Pilley's Island.
Se Aliswald, Brown, Penarth.
Se Greogle, Thompson, Liverpool.
Se Princess Anne, Hulphers, Norfelk.
Se Gulf Stream. Swain, Philadelphia.
Se Nacoochee, Smith, Savannab.
Se El Sud, Higgins, New Orleans.
Bark Nellie M. Slade, Montgomery, Fernandina.

[For later arrivals see First Page.] ARRIVED OUT.

Ss H. H. Meier, from New York, at Bremen. Sa Christiana, from New York, at Hamburg, Ss Advance, from New York, at Colon. SAILED PROM FOREIGN PORTS. Sa Peruvian, from Glasgow for New York

SAILED FROM DOMESTIC PORTS. Se City of Birmingham, from Savannah for New York. Se El Rio, from New Orleans for New York.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. St. Paul, Southampton 7 700 A M
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